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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

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In this reference, an under tray (12) is disclosed, which is slidably provided beneath a seat cushion of a vehicle seat via a tray guide frame (11). The tray guide frame (11) is formed by a pair of rail wire members (13)(13), a forward stopper wire member (14) and a backward stopper wired member (16). The under tray (12) has guide grooves (24), in which the rail wire members (13) are slidably fitter to thereby allow forward and backward sliding movement of the under tray (12) per se. Further, formed in the guide grooves (24) are a plurality of projections adapted to forcibly expand the rail wire members (13) outwardly to enhance engagement between the guide grooves (24) and rail wire members (13), so as to stably support the tray (12) without any wobbling and rattling. Normally, the tray (12) is resiliently locked by a lock wire element (15) at the forward stopper wore member (14) against incidental forward movement away from the seat back.

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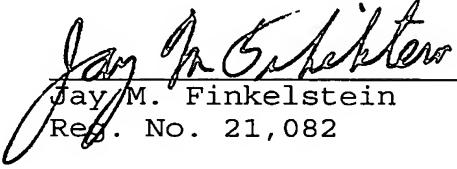
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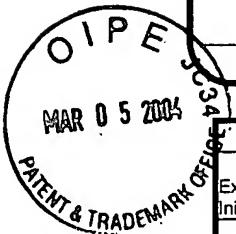

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